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Arrivals.

Jan. 29, PORTLAND, Brit. ship, 870, Smith, Whampoa January 28th.—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Jan. 29, KWANGTUNG, Brit. str., 491, D. Pitman, Chinkiang 25th January, Rice.—D. LAPRAIK & Co.

Jan. 29, VOLGA, French str., 951, Flambeau, Yokohama 23rd January, General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

Jan. 30, VENUS, Brit. str., 928, J. F. Crowell Bombay 3rd January, Galle 8th, and Singapore 17th, General.—AUG. HEARD & Co.

Jan. 30, DUNA, Brit. str., 652, Mann, Shanghai 25th January, General.—A. HEARD & Co.

Departures.

Jan. 29, ALBAY, str., for Manila.
Jan. 29, TRAVANCORE, str., for Shanghai.
Jan. 29, HONGKONG, for Bangkok.
Jan. 29, EMERALD, str., for Chinkiang.
Jan. 29, RESOLUTION, for Saigon.
Jan. 29, BATAVIA, for Saigon.
Jan. 29, DIAMOND CITY, for Bangkok.
Jan. 30, BOMBAY, str., for Shanghai.

Clearances.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE,
29TH JANUARY.

Emerald, str., for Chinkiang.
Resolution, for Saigon.
Paulista, for Saigon.
Veloce, for Saigon.
Batavia, for Saigon.
Jean Sands, for Saigon.
Yot-tung, str., for Swatow.
Diamond City, for Bangkok.

Passengers.

Per *Duna*, str., from Shanghai,—
6 Chinese.

Per *Venus*, str., from Bombay, &c.,—
1 Chinese.

Per *Peiho*, str., from Shanghai,—
Mr. and Mrs. Carter, 3 children and two servants, Mr. and Mrs. Tate, 2 children and servant, Miss E. Reden, Messrs. R. D. Carroll, Niesen, D. B. Barn, P. S. Rousselaer, Johnson, E. H. Lavers and servant, C. Monfini, H. Hoppius, F. Delestre, Dr. Bieber, and 1 Chinese.

Per *Volga*, str., from Yokohama,—
Messrs. Wilsom, Scoto Scoto, J. J. Kane, J. Bloem, J. de Ruyter, Hibert and Kuhn, Mad. Jaquemot, Mad. Morf, and 2 Sisters of Charity.

Reports.

The British steamer *Duna* reports left Shanghai on 25th January at 11 a.m., had strong N.E. monsoon and snow to the 28th; then light Northerly winds and fine weather till arrival, January 30th at 2.30 a.m.

The French steamship *Peiho* reports left Shanghai on January 2?th, and experienced strong N.E monsoon throughout the passage.

Vessels from Ports in China and Japan, expected in Europe and America.

(*Corrected to Date.*)

FROM HONGKONG.

Vessel's Name.	*For.*	*Date of Leaving*
Brunette	New York	Aug. 18
Robert Fletcher	New York	Oct. 3
Glance	New York	Oct. 13
Julia Ann	New York	Oct. 14
Catherine	New York	Nov. 3
Taffaretta	Havre	Nov. 17
Elfin	London	Nov. 30
Ellida	Hamburg	Dec. 12
Hohenzollern	Falmouth	Jan. 10

FROM WHAMPOA.

A. L. Banfield	New York	Sept. 22
Ottercaps	London	Sept. 25
Veronica	London	Sept. 27
Feiga	New York	Oct. 11
Lord Macaulay	New York	Oct. 25
Onward	London	Nov. 4
Birdston	New York	Nov. 7
Corea	London	Nov. 7
Orpheus	New York	Nov. 16
Allendale	Falmouth	Nov. 22
Rollo	London	Nov. 30
Early Morn	New York	Dec. 1
Sirene	New York	Dec. 6
Armin	New York	Dec. 21
Carricks	London	Jan. 1

FROM AMOY.

Stanley	New York	Sept. 6
Star of China	New York	Sept. 12
Chintoo	New York	Sept. 27
Emperor	New York	Oct. 21
Lubra	New York	Oct. 24
J. F. Erichsen	New York	Nov. 22
Catherine Fullerton	New York	Dec. 5
Agnes	New York	Dec. 5
Japan	New York	Dec. 22

FROM FOOCHOW.

Her Majesty	London	Aug. 12
Lauderdale	London	Aug. 17
Schiehallion	New York	Aug. 18
Eme	New York	Aug. 22
Rifleman	London	Aug. 26
Maiden Queen	London	Sept. 3
Melbrek	London	Sept. 4
Benefactor	New York	Sept. 16
Kelso	New York	Sept. 21
Holmsdale	London	Sept. 22
F. Nightingale	London	Sept. 24
Hopewell	London	Sept. 26
Yangtsze	New York	Sept. 28
Thyatira	London	Sept. 30
Margarita	Boston	Oct. 26
Mary Whitridge	New York	Oct. 28
Devena	London	Nov. 2
Killarney	London	Nov. 3
Columbus	London	Nov. 3
Brockbam	London	Nov. 21
Ino	Falmouth	Nov. 10
Reigate	London	Nov. 23
Gemini	Philadelphia	Nov. 23
Beemah	London	Nov. 29
Evangeline	New York	Dec. 5

FROM SHANGHAI.

Golden State	New York	Sept. 4
PonsÆlii	New York	Sept. 4
Daylight	London	Sept. 7
Serica	New York	Sept. 12
Avona	London	Sept. 13
Derwent	London	Sept. 14
Amoor	London	Sept. 21
Guinevere	London	Sept. 23
Seatoller	London	Sept. 26
N. B. Palmer	New York	Sept. 30
City of Aberdeen	New York	Oct. 4
Hope	London	Oct. 5
Tonbridge	New York	Oct. 5
Willy Rickmers	New York	Oct. 8
Constantia	London	Oct. 19
Taitsing	New York	Oct. 20
Fort Regent	London	Oct. 20
Elizabeth Graham	London	Oct. 20
Centurion	London	Oct. 21
Celestial Queen	London	Oct. 23
Endeavour	New York	Oct. 30
Havilah	New York	Nov. 8
Midnight	New York	Nov. 9
Victoria Nyanza	London	Nov. 13
Jeannie Louttit	New York	Nov. 15
Ailsa	London	Nov. 18
Lady Louise	New York	Nov. 21
Crest of the Wave	London	Nov. 21
Cleta	New York	Dec. 3
Adam Sedgwick	New York	Dec. 7
Borealis	London	Dec. 9
Miako	New York	Dec. 17
Lalla M. Long	New York	Dec. 20
Ombe	New York	Dec. 23

(*For continuation of Shipping Reports see third page.*)

Auction Sales To-day.

AYRES & Co.
Household Furniture.

Banks.

THE BANK OF CHINA.

CAPITAL—Tls. 2,500,000, in 25,000 Shares of Tls. 100 each;

Tls. 25 per Share payable on allotment, and the remainder in such sums and at such times as the Directors may determine, but so that at least three months' notice shall be given of every call;

WITH POWER TO INCREASE TO Tls. 5,000,000.

Provisional Committee.

O. C. BEHN, Esq., Messrs. W. Pustau & Co.
FRAMJEE HORMUSJEE, Esq., Messrs. Framjee Hormusjee & Co.
A. A. HAYES, JR., Esq., Messrs. Olyphant & Co.
C. J. KING, Esq., Messrs. Chapman, King & Co.
R. W. LITTLE, Esq., Messrs. Little & Co.
J. A. MAITLAND, Esq., Messrs. Thorne Brothers & Co.
D. REID, Esq., Messrs. Reid & Co.

Standing Counsel.

R. W. M. BIRD, ESQ., *Barrister-at-Law.*

Secretary to the Provisional Committee,
JAMES GILFILLAN, Esq.

IT is proposed to establish in Shanghai a Limited Banking Company, with the above title, in the belief that there is not only room, but actual necessity, for the additional facilities which such an institution will afford to the large local, coasting, and foreign trade which centres in this port.

The great extension of steam communication both by sea and river, and the creation of telegraphic connections, since the existing Local Bank was founded, have greatly added to the importance of Shanghai, until it has become the great depôt or distributing point for the trade of Northern and Central China; but, while it seems desirable that Shanghai should be the head-quarters of the new Bank, and its direction on the spot where the principal interests are involved, a local Committee will be formed in Hongkong for the promotion of the undertaking there.

The success of other public companies in Shanghai and Hongkong, and the evidence of a large sum of money seeking investment in China, encourage the belief that the proposed Capital for this Bank will be readily subscribed; many influential native merchants have already come forward as active promoters and supporters of the undertaking, and the Committee look for a very valuable constituency from Chinese sources.

The legal constitution of the Bank is engaging the consideration of the Committee, and reference has been made to London and elsewhere for the best legal advice upon the subject; and it is understood that no Shares will be alloted, nor will operations be commenced until the necessary arrangements have been completed, when further information will be laid before intending Shareholders. In the meantime, applications for shares are invited, until the 15th April, 1872, but must be on the prescribed forms, which can be obtained from the Secretary.

By order of the Provisional Committee,
J. GILFILLAN,
Secretary,
Shanghai, 17th January, 1872. [212

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL—5,000,000 of Dollars.

Court of Directors:—
Chairman—HON. R. ROWETT.
Deputy Chairman—T. PYKE, Esq.
E. R. Belilios, Esq. | Julius Menke, Esq.
A. Joost, Esq. | S. D. Sassoon, Esq.
Wm. Lemann, Esq. | G. F. Weller, Esq.
H. Melchers, Esq.

Managers:—
Hongkong—James Greig, Esq., Chief Manager.
Shanghai—David McLean, Esq.
London Bankers—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
On Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months' 2 per cent. per annum.
6 „ 4 „ „
12 „ 5 „ „

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits—granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Drafts—granted on London, and the chief commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.
JAMES GREIG, *Chief Manager.*
Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
tf 1062] Hongkong, 9th September, 1871.

PUBLICATIONS.

THE CONSPIRACY CASE.

REGINA v. ABDOOL MOUSSA AND NOOR MAHOMED CAMISSA.

IN the Press, and will be published in a few days, in 8vo., price 50 cents, the recent Articles that appeared in the Hongkong *Daily Press* and the *China Mail* respecting this case, with an appendix containing a full Report of the Trial, and the principal evidence taken before the CHIEF-JUSTICE in the Bankruptcy matter of ABDOOL RAHMAN JAMAL, and at the Magistracy.

Hongkong—
Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Bombay—
Messrs. CHESSON & WOODHALL, Booksellers, and
Messrs. DORABJEE JUMSETJEE & Co, Booksellers.
tf 85 Hongkong, 11th January, 1872.

廣元號呂宋烟舖

THE undersigned begs to inform the Public that he has all sorts of Old CIGARS, HAVANA, CAVITE and MANILA, in small and large boxes, best TOBACCO, and prepared TOBACCO for Sale at an agreeable prices.
For particulars, apply to
KWONG YUEN HING,
No. 61, Queen's Road,
Next to the entrance of the Central Market.
6m 1464 Hongkong, 29th August, 1871.

THE SAIGON STEVEDORE AND LIGHTERAGE Co.,

BALLAST DISCHARGED AND CARGO STOWED BY EXPERIENCED HONGKONG MEN.
GALL & SKINNER,
tf 142] *Managers.*

FOR SALE.

AMONTILLADO, Superior SHERRY, and PALE SHERRY, bottled by the Undersigned.
CLARETS, St. Julien and Medoc.
Sparkling MOSELLE.
CHAMPAGNE, G. H. Mumm & Co.'s 1st quality, Extra 1st Do., and Carte Blanche.
BRANDY, Hennessy's * and V.F.O.P.
REYNOLDS & Co.
tf 160 Hongkong, 23rd January, 1872.

Docks.

PORT OF AMOY.

SHIPOWNERS, AGENTS, and COMMANDERS are informed that the DOCK COMPANY'S ESTABLISHMENTS at the above Port afford every facility, at moderate charges, for
REPAIRING AND SPARRING VESSELS
AND
CLEANING AND PAINTING IRON SHIPS AND STEAMERS.

THEIR LARGE GRANITE DOCK,
Has 286 feet length on the blocks, and at average spring tides can receive Vessels of 16 to 17 feet draught. It has a
CAISSON GATE, AND POWERFUL CENTRIFUGAL STEAM-PUMP,
And an Engineers' work-shop fitted with Lathes and Tools, driven by steam. Iron and Brass Foundries, Boiler-makers' shop, a large Smithy, and Carpenters' and Boat-builders' sheds. All superintended by resident Europeans.

Their two smaller GRANITE DOCKS can receive, at spring tides, Vessels drawing 12 feet.

Spars, Timber, and other Dock-yard material kept in stock.

Quarters for Officers, and a DRY GODOWN or STORES, of Vessels under repair.
tf 2317 Amoy, December, 1868.

FOOCHOW DOCK.

RIVER MIN.

THE above granite floored DOCK, of the following Dimensions, viz: Length, 300 feet, Breadth at Bottom, 40 feet, is capable of receiving Vessels drawing 13 to 16 feet, as the state of the Tides will allow. The Dock runs dry to the Blocks and is pumped out by Steam.

The above premises comprise a large Machine-Shop, containing a
WITHWORTH'S 12-INCH SCREW CUTTING GAP LATHE,
DRILLING AND SCREWING MACHINES,
A LARGE SMITHY, &c., &c., &c.

Large Godowns are on the premises for STOWAGE OF CARGO, &c., &c. A large Stock of Woods, Metal, &c., &c., always on hand.

The Dock Steam Tug *Woosung* is available at all times to tow vessels to or from Sea, at current rates, on application to
J. S. LAMONT,
Superintendent.

The list of Charges for lighting or remetaling vessels can be obtained from
Messrs. NORTON, LYALL & Co., Hongkong.
Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Shanghai.
tf 876 Nov3

THE MERCHANTS' MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY (LIMITED.)

HEAD OFFICE—1, ROYAL EXCHANGE BUILDINGS, LONDON.

Bankers.
THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND, Nicholas Lane, London, and its Branches.
Underwriter. *Secretary.*
JOHN JOSEPH TIDD. JOSEPH ANGUS.

DURING each year it is proposed to pay the Shareholders, Half-yearly, upon their paid-up Capital, interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum; and, so soon as practicable after the expiration of each year, a Profit and Loss Account will be made up, showing the results of the business, due provision being made for all outstanding risks.

Out of the Profits will first be paid an additional 5 per cent. on the paid-up Capital, making, with the interest to be paid, as explained above, 10 per cent. to the Shareholders.

Before any further division of Profits takes place amongst the Shareholders, one-fourth, say 25 per cent. of the residue, will be rateably divided amongst those Insurers out of whose business Profits have been made during the year.

The undersigned, having been appointed Agents for the above Company at this Port, Shanghai, Foochow, Hankow, and Yokohama, are prepared to accept Marine Risks at current rates.
GILMAN & Co.,
Agents.
tf Hongkong, 20th November, 1871.

COAST OF CHINA.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

CHAPEL ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE.

ON the 15th instant, the Chapel Island Light was lighted. The apparatus is Dioptric, of the First Order, shewing all round the horizon a Fixed White Light, varied by Flashes at intervals of half a minute. The centre of the light is 227 feet above High Water, and in clear weather it will be visible 22 nautical miles. The lighthouse is 63 feet in height from base to vane. The tower is painted black, with the exception of the parapet, and window facings, which are of granite unpainted. The Light-keepers' dwellings and surrounding wall are painted white. The light-house is situated in Lat. 24° 10' 18" N., and Long. 118° 13' 30" E.

NOTE.

MASTERS of Vessels passing near the island when bound into Amoy, are requested to note any Signals that may be made to them from the Island, to render assistance if necessary and possible, and to report the same to the Commissioner of Customs on their arrival at Amoy.
A. M. BISBEE,
Divisional Inspector,
Custom House,
Harbour Master's Office,
Amoy, 16th November, 1871. 3m 2006

COTES DE CHINE.

PHARE DE CHAPEL ISLAND.

AVIS est donné aux navigateurs qu'à partir du 15 courant le feu du phare de Chapel Island a été établi. L'appareil est Dioptrique, de premier ordre et à feu blanc fixe varié à intervals d'une demie minute par des éclats de lumière. La hauteur du plan focal est de 227 pieds anglais au dessus de la haute mer. Sa portée est de 22 milles marins en temps clair. La tour a 63 pieds anglais de hauteur de la base à la girouette; elle est peinte en noir, à l'exception du parapet et de la façade des fenêtres qui sont de granit non peint. Les logements des gardiens et les murs environnants sont peints en blanc. Le phare est situé par Latitude N. 24° 10' 18" et par Longitude E. 115° 53' 30".

AVIS.

LES Capitaines de navires passant auprès de l'île se rendant à Amoy, sont priés de remarquer les signaux qu'on peut leur faire de l'île, de rendre tout secour nécessaire et possible, et d'en faire le rapport au Commissaire des Douanes à leur arrivée à Amoy.
Douanes d'Amoy,
Bureau du Capitaine de Port,
16 Novembre, 1871.
A. M. BISBEE,
3m 2007] *Inspecteur Divisionaire.*

NOTICE.

VICTORIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HONGKONG, LIMITED.

FROM this date, there will be no fee charged for Policies issued by this Company.
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
Secretaries.
tf 1877 Hongkong, 1st November, 1871.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have been appointed SOLE AGENTS for the Sale of
BOKER'S BITTERS
in China—and purchasers are warned to beware of Spurious imitations.
tf 52 Hongkong, 6th January, 1872.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

AYRES & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,
THIS DAY,
the 30th day of January, 1872, at the residence of the Spanish Consul, F. S. TEJEDA, Esq., No. 57, Wyndham Street, at 2 P.M.,—

The whole of that Gentleman's HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, consisting of—

Drawing, Dining, and Bed Room SUITES, as CHAIRS, COUCHES, MIRRORS, ENGRAVINGS, ORNAMENTS, Marble Top Side and Round TABLES, CHANDELIERS, CLOCKS, FENDER and IRONS.

Dining TABLE and CHAIRS, WHATNOTS, SIDEBOARD, CHANDELIERS, GLASS and CROCKERY WARE.

Iron BEDSTEADS and MATTRESSES, CHEST of DRAWERS, SOFAS, WASHSTANDS and SERVICES, Marble Top Toilet GLASSES and TABLES.

BOOKS.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.
190 Hongkong, 26th January, 1872.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, at No. 10 A, Caine Road, next door to the Italian Convent,
TO-MORROW,
the 31st January, 1872, at 2 P.M.,
The Property of a Gentleman changing his residence,—

The whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising 1 Set Green Rep Covered Drawing Room SUITE, Card TABLES, CHAIRS, PICTURES, PIANO, Dining TABLE, WHATNOTS, SIDEBOARD, CROCKERY and GLASS WARE, ELECTRO PLATED WARE, BEDSTEADS, WARDROBES, CHEST of DRAWERS, WASHSTANDS.

Also,
A very Handsome Lady's SEDAN CHAIR.

TERMS OF SALE—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.
171 Hongkong, 24th January, 1872.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, in their Sales' Rooms,
TO-MORROW,
the 31st January, 1872, at noon,
For account of the concerned,
About 500 Quarter-sacks Golden Gate FLOUR, slightly damaged.
25 Kits No. 1 MACKEREL.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.
208 Hongkong, 30th January, 1872.

WEEKLY SALE.

MARQUES & Co. will sell by Public Auction,
TO-MORROW,
the 31st January, 1872, at noon,
At their Sales' Rooms, Queen's Road,—
Woollen SOCKS, BLANKETS, RUGS, Letter and Blotting PAPERS, BRANDY, CLOCKS, &c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.
209 Hongkong, 30th January, 1872.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned will sell by Public Auction, on
SATURDAY,
the 3rd day of February, 1872, at 2 o'clock P.M., at his Sales' Rooms, Queen's Road,—

An Invoice of E. Lumley's BOOKS, comprising Works in History, Law, Physic and Divinity, Architecture, Fine Arts.

Also,
Light READING, Elementary BOOKS, Children's BOOKS, &c., &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued, and the Books will be on view on Friday, the 2nd February.

TERMS OF SALE—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
210 Hongkong, 30th January, 1872.

PUBLIC AUCTION
OF THE
STEAM TUG "*MAGGIE LAUDER*,"
ON THE 23RD FEBRUARY, 1872,
AT 11 A.M.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, at their Office on the Bund,

THE WELL KNOWN SCREW-STEAMER
"*MAGGIE LAUDER*,"
now plying as a Tug-Boat in the harbour of Shanghai and in the Yangtsze Kiang.

This Vessel is an English built Iron Steamer, with water-tight compartments, and is classed *A 1* in Lloyds.

Tons Register 130; Length, 96 feet; Breadth of Beam, 21 feet 6 inches; Depth of hold, 9 feet 6 inches; Carrying Capacity, 69 tons, exclusive of coals; Low pressure Engines, 2 of 30 horse-power each, made by Fawcett, Preston & Co., Liverpool; Consumption of coals per day, 6 Tons.

The Inventory to be sold with the vessel includes Spare Screws, Masts, Yards, Rigging, Angle-irons, framing for Deck-House, &c.

The *MAGGIE LAUDER* is the largest vessel of her class in Port, as well as one of the most powerful, and is therefore particularly adopted for outside towage.

She has been lately docked, thoroughly overhauled, and put in complete order.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-Third Cash on the fall of the hammer; the balance in THREE DAYS thereafter, or the first payment to be forfeited. Transfer at purchaser's expense.

For particulars of vessel, inventory, &c., apply to
JOHN THORNE & Co.,
Auctioneers.
Shanghai, 23rd January, 1872. [211

MESSRS. BOURNE & Co.
HAVE received instructions to sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION,
At the Godown No. 28 A,
Water Street,
ON
WEDNESDAY,
16th March, at 10 o'clock A.M.,—
Two 12-pdr. Muzzle Loading Whitworth Steel Tempered RIFLED GUNS, with Fixed Carriages and Ammunition complete.
Yokohama, 6th January, 1872. [1m 151

WANTED.
GOOD PORTLAND CEMENT.
WILSON & SALWAY,
Architects, &c.
1w 197 Hongkong, 29th January, 1872.

WANTED,
To purchase, if cheap,
ONE or Two CORRUGATED IRON GODOWNS, ready for shipment.
Address, particulars to X. X., care of the *Daily Press* Office.
7d 179 Hongkong, 26th January, 1872.

VICTORIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HONGKONG, LIMITED.

THIS Company, with its Head Office at Hongkong, and Agencies at the various Treaty Ports in China and Japan, is prepared to issue Policies of Insurance, at the current rates of Premium at the respective places.
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
Secretaries.
tf 557 Hongkong, 1st April, 1871.

Intimations.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED).

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE EIGHT MONTHS ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1871.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to hand to the undersigned, before the 1st March next, a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December, 1871, in order that the distribution of 33⅓ per cent. of the nett profits reserved for Contributors may be ascertained.

Should any Shareholders fail to make the returns above described, their Accounts will be made up in conformity with the Books of the Company.
By order,
OLYPHANT & Co.,
General Agents.
tf 34 Hongkong, 4th January, 1872.

FOR SALE.

A PHAETON, last American style, with India Rubber Springs, complete.
A pair of Java PONIES.
An American BILLIARD TABLE, complete, with Cues, &c. Apply to
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
tf 1916 Hongkong, 7th November, 1871.

CHINA AND JAPAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THIS Company grants Policies on Marine Risks to all parts of the World at current Rates.

In addition to the usual brokerage, and to a return as heretofore of 30% of the annual Nett Profits of the Company made pro rata on all Nett Premia contributed, a further Bonus out of the said Profits may be declared, payable in a like manner to such Contributors only, as at the time of contributing business on and after the 1st January, 1872, shall be registered as Shareholders, in the Company's Books.
WM. PUSTAU & Co.,
Agents.
tf 1402 Hongkong, 2nd January, 1872.

CARD.

AYRES & CO.,
AUCTIONEERS AND GENERAL COMMISSION AGENTS.
No. 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
Weekly Sales every Monday, and Proceeds Paid on Wednesdays.
tf 6 Hongkong, 2nd January, 1872.

P. BENNETT, W. H. HENRIQUES.
D. H. TILLSON & Co.,
BAKERS, COMPRADORES,
AND
NAVAL CONTRACTORS,
KOBE (HIOGO),
JAPAN.
6m 120 Hongkong, 17th January, 1872.

GEORGE GLASS,
DISPENSING CHEMIST,
THE VICTORIA DISPENSARY,
PEDDER'S WHARF, HONGKONG.

BRANCH ESTABLISHMENTS,
YOKOHAMA AND YEDO, JAPAN.

SHIPS AND FAMILY MEDICINE CHESTS SUPPLIED AND REFITTED.

N.B.—Captains of Ships not landing at above Wharf, can leave orders at the Store of Messrs. BROADHEAD & ANTHONY (opposite the landing stage of the Canton and Macao Steamer), when they will receive G. G.'s immediate attention.
tf 44 Hongkong, 5th January, 1872.

REMOVAL.

ROSE & Co. have REMOVED back to their Old Premises, the corner of Wellington and Pottinger Streets, opposite the Roman Catholic Church.
tf 174 Hongkong, 25th January, 1872.

ALFRED SINGER,
PROFESSOR OF THE PIANOFORTE, HARMONIUM, AND SINGING.
BALLS AND DANCE PARTIES ATTENDED.
PIANOFORTES and HARMONIUMS tuned and repaired by the month, or by special contract, on Moderate Terms.
PIANOS FOR HIRE.
Ladies and Gentlemen requiring the services of the above, will please address him care of the *Daily Press* Office.
tf 95 Hongkong, 15th January, 1872.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE CO.

FOR Insuring Houses and other Buildings, Goods, Wares, Merchandise, Manufacturing and Farming Stock, Ships in Port, Harbours, or Docks and the Cargoes of such Ships; also, Ships Building and Repairing; Barges and other Vessels on Navigable Rivers and Canals, and Goods on board such Vessels, throughout Great Britain and Ireland, and in FOREIGN COUNTRIES, FROM LOSS OR DAMAGE BY FIRE.

The Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE to the extent of $60,000 on any one First Class Risk.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1867.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above-mentioned Ports.

No charge for Policy fees.
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 1st November, 1871. [tf 385

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents of the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of $60,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored thereon.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
tf Hongkong, 24th August, 1864.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Marine risks at current rates.
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
tf 471 Hongkong, 6th March, 1868.

NOTICE.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents of the above Insurance Company, are prepared to issue Policies against Marine risks on Freight and Cargo at Current rates, subject to a discount of 15 %.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.
tf 1753 Hongkong, 1st October, 1870.

NOTICE.

FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged for SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—

Not exceeding Ten days	⅛	of the annual rates
Not exceeding 1 month	¼	do. do.
Above 1 month, and not exceeding three months	½	do. do.
Above 3 months, and not exceeding six months	¾	do. do.

Above six months the full annual rate.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents, Alliance Fire Assurance Company.
tf 678 Hongkong, 26th August, 1869.

Intimations.

FOR SALE.
Arrived by the French steamer "Meikong."

A LARGE Assortment of PERFUMERY:—
EAU DE COLOGNE.
Every kind of SOAP.
Rose POWDER.
Violette POWDER.
Shakespeare COLLARS, and the newest Fashions in French BOOTS for Gentlemen.
Office CALENDARS for 1872.
A large Assortment of Japanese GOODS, and BRONZE, inlaid, on hand.
French Smoking TOBACCO.
Russian CIGARETTES, (Laferme.)
Turkish TOBACCO, (in tin boxes.)
Paper CIGARETTES.
A. R. MARTY.
92, Queen's Road,
Hongkong, 29th January, 1872. [1w 201

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Dividend, at the rate of 16 per cent. per annum, or $6 per share, declared at the Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Shareholders held this day, will be payable at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after THURSDAY next, the 18th instant. Shareholders are requested to apply at the office of the Company for Warrants.
By order of the Board of Directors,
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
General Agents.
tf 114 Hongkong, 15th January, 1872.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

AN Extraordinary MEETING of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 48, Queen's Road, on THURSDAY, the 1st day of February next, at 3 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of proposing and passing certain Special Resolutions altering Clauses Nos. 132, and 133 of the Articles of Association; so as to return 2/3rds of the profits to Contributing Shareholders or to Contributors generally, and apply the remaining third by way of dividend amongst shareholders, such changes to take effect from November 1st, 1871.
By order of the Committee,
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
General Agents.
22d 72 Hongkong, 9th January, 1872.

NOTICE.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, 1871-1873.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Society, will be held at the Society's Office, Pedder Street, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the Second day of February next, at three o'clock P.M., for the purpose of proposing and passing special resolutions to the effect that from the 1st day of January, 1872, the profits of the Society instead of being divisible as provided by Clause No. 142 of the Articles of Association of the Society, shall be divided amongst the Shareholders in the manner following, viz., that the said profits shall be divided into three equal parts; that one-third part shall be payable to the Shareholders generally by way of dividend in proportion to the number of Shares held by each, and that the remaining two-thirds thereof shall be distributed amongst such of the Shareholders as shall have contributed business to the Society in proportion to their contributions.
By order of the Board,
N. J. EDE,
Secretary.
32d 11 Hongkong, 30th December, 1871.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Half-Yearly MEETING of the Shareholders of the HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, on FRIDAY, the 2nd February, 1872, at half past three, P.M., for the purpose of Receiving the Report of the Directors and the Accounts for the past six months, and for the election of Directors and Auditors.
By order of the Directors,
ED. BAKER,
Secretary.
22d 84 Hongkong, 10th January, 1872.

NOTICE.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an Extraordinary General MEETING of Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, situate at No. 48, Queen's Road, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 15th day February next, at three o'clock P.M., for the purpose of confirming such special resolutions as may be passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of Thursday, 1st February, 1872.
By order of the Committee,
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
General Agents.
32d 99 Hongkong, 13th January, 1872.

NOTICE.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, 1871-1873.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders of the Society will be held at the Society's Office, Pedder's Street, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 16th day of February next, at three o'clock P.M., for the purpose of confirming such special resolutions as may be passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of Friday, 2nd February, 1872.
By order of the Board,
N. J. EDE,
Secretary.
48d 12 Hongkong, 30th December, 1871.

THE INDO-CHINESE SUGAR COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that in accordance with the 36th Clause of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Fourth Call of Twelve Dollars and Fifty Cents per share is payable on the 31*st December* current, at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Interest at the rate of Twelve per cent. per annum will be charged on all calls paid *after that day.*
By order,
A. NOEL BLAKEMAN,
Secretary.
2037 Hongkong, 5th December, 1871.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to furnish the undersigned with a list of Premia contributed by them during the year ended 31st October last, for the distribution of the 25 per cent. Profit reserved for the contributors to the Company.
AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.,
General Agents.
2m 134 Hongkong, 19th January, 1872.

IT is hereby notified that the interest, and connexion of Messrs. LO WING CHOON and LO YU YOW, with the undersigned firm ceased from the 1st of May, 1871, and that the undersigned will not hold himself RESPONSIBLE for any debts, whatever contracted by the said LO WING CHOON and LO YU YOW of the TYE SENG HOE.
LO KEE SENG.
6m 1399 Singapore, 1st August, 1871.

Intimations.

FOR SAIGON.

THE China and Straits S. N. Co.'s Steamer
"UNITED SERVICE,"
will be despatched for the above Port TO-MORROW, the 31st instant, at 2 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
Agents.
tf 202 Hongkong, 30th January, 1872.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION will be held at the CITY HALL Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 15th day of February proximo, at 11 o'clock A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors, together with a statement of Accounts to 30th December, 1871.
By order of the Board of Directors,
JAMES GREIG,
Chief Manager.
16d 203 Hongkong, 29th January, 1872.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the REGISTER of SHARES of the CORPORATION will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 15th day of February next (both days included), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.
By order of the Board of Directors,
JAMES GREIG,
Chief Manager.
16d 204 Hongkong, 29th January, 1872.

HONGKONG ATHLETIC SPORTS, 1872.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Gentlemen interested in Athletics, for the purpose of passing last year's accounts, and electing officers for the conduct of the coming meeting, will be held at the HONGKONG CLUB at 6 P.M. on SATURDAY, the 3rd February.
H. FOSS,
for Committee, 1871
5d 205 Hongkong, 30th January, 1872.

HONGKONG DISTILLERY COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Second ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders in this Company, will be held at the Company's New Offices, East Point, on SATURDAY, the 10th day of February next, at 3 o'clock P.M. The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from the 30th instant until the 10th proximo, both days inclusive.
Per Order,
J. W. TORREY,
General Manager.
11d. 206 Hongkong, January 27th, 1872.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

ARRANGEMENTS having been made for the Conveyance of Cargo *via* London and New York, transhipping to steamers of the North German Lloyd Company at Southampton, we are now prepared to take Cargo on through Bills of Lading by the steamers of the Ocean Steamship Company line for New York.
For further particulars, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
tf 207 Hongkong, 30th January, 1872.

FOR SALE,
At very low rates.

A QUANTITY of MUSIC belonging to the Estate of the late Signor HUGO PELLICO. Apply to
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
1m 198 Hongkong, 29th January, 1872.

ARMY CONTRACTS FOR 1872-73.

SEALED TENDERS in duplicate, marked outside "Tenders for Army Contracts," will be received by the undersigned until noon on MONDAY, the 5th February, 1872, for such quantities of Commissariat and Hospital SUPPLIES, such as Provisions, Wines, Porter, Spirits, Fuel and Light, &c., or for the performance of Barrack and Hospital Services, such as Washing and repairing Bedding, repairing Utensils, &c., or for the Cleaning of the Roads, Parades, &c., at the various Cantonments at Hongkong (Victoria, Kowloon, and Stanley) and other Scavengers' Work, and for Sweeping Chimneys, Cleaning and Lighting Exterior Lamps, removing rubbish, &c., as may from time to time be required for the use of Her Majesty's Troops, or Service of the War Department, in the Island of Hongkong, or its Outposts, during the year from the 1st of April, 1872, to the 31st March, 1873.

Terms of Tender, (no other than those issued by the Control Department will be received.) Conditions of Contracts, Plans, Specifications, and Approximate Area as regards the Scavenging Contract, and any further information that may be required, can be obtained on application at this office.
C. K. CLEEVE,
Assistant Controller.
Control Office,
Hongkong, 29th January, 1872. [6d 199

SINGING CLASSES.

LADIES and GENTLEMEN desirous of joining an ELEMENTARY SINGING CLASS, under the direction of Mr. A. SINGER, will please forward their names to him, care of the *Daily Press* Office.

Also,
Those desirous of forming a GLEE and MADRIGAL CLASS, will be good enough to do likewise.

Both the above classes will commence in the first week of February. Terms on application.
tf 173 Hongkong, 25th January, 1872.

Notices to Consignees.

CONSIGNEES per O. S. S. Co.'s steamer "*Sarpedon*," are hereby notified that the cargo is being discharged into Craft, or landed at the Godowns of the undersigned, in both cases it will lie at Consignees risk. The cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 25th January, 1872.

Goods undelivered after 1st February, 1872, will be subject to Rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
7d 186 Hongkong, 26th January, 1872.

S. S. *HONGKONG*, FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of goods by the above Steamer are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged, landed, and stored, at their risk, into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence delivery may be obtained.

Goods remaining in store after the 2nd of February will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless early intimation is received from the Owners, requiring them to be landed here.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to
SIEMSSEN & Co.
189 Hongkong, January 25th, 1872.

BRITISH SHIP *NORTHFLEET*, FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
GILMAN & Co.,
Agents.
tf 167 Hongkong, 23rd January, 1872.

SHIPPING REPORTS.
(Continued from the 1st Page.)

The British str. *Venus* reports left Bombay on Jan. 3rd, and arrived at Galle on 8th Jan, at noon; left on the 9th at a.m., and arrived at Singapore on 17th Jan at p.m.; left on 20th at noon; experienced fine N.E. monsoon in the China Sea as far as Macclesfield Bank; from thence to this port strong N.E. winds with high confused sea; arrived on Jan. 30th at 4 a.m.

The French steamer *Volga* reports left Yokohama on January 23rd, and experienced fine weather the first part of passage, the latter part fresh monsoon till arrival.

The British steamship *Kwangtung* reports left Chinkiang on Thursday, the 25th January, and discharged the pilot at Lightship at 4 p.m. on Friday, 26th. Spoke the steamship *Glendarroch* between Woosung and Chinkiang; the steamships *Teviot* and *Mei-kong* entering Woosung River on Friday; the str. *Otago* on Saturday morning off Tung-chuk; and a two-masted steamer, off Namki Island on Saturday afternoon; had strong N.N.E. breezes with rain and snow during first part of passage; since passing Amoy moderate breezes, working round to N.W., with fine weather.

BREACH OF PAROLE.

We learn that the French Minister of War has decided that the superior officers who broke their parole and escaped from Germany are to be placed on the Retired List, and the younger officers are to have their breach of faith taken into consideration. One of our French contemporaries states that several courts of enquiry have already acquitted young gentlemen listened to the voice of patriotism rather than to that of honour. This is most regrettable for many reasons, and will give extra annoyance to the Prussian Government, which demanded an enquiry. In the event of a future war, all French officers taken prisoner will be placed in a difficult position, and the good will suffer for the bad.—*Army and Navy Gazette.*

SPURIOUS TEA.
(Economist.)

Mr. Lowe, we think, should be supported in the sturdy opposition he makes to the suggestions which have been made to him for converting a Revenue Department into one for sanitary purposes. The particular business with which he was asked to interfere was the importation of spurious tea, which has no doubt become a great abuse, to the extent even of endangering the health of many people who buy cheap tea, and get an article which is not tea at all. It would be a pure misfortune, however, if our Revenue Departments were set to work on any other than commercial principles, even for the sake of preventing the importation of adulterated articles of food. If they were to do so, we should never know what the real expense of collecting the revenue was, as it would be mixed up with other expenses, and the assumption of other duties would interfere with the revenue officials in their work. Mr. Lowe is clearly right in taking duty upon whatever articles are presented to him as dutiable and asking no questions, except with a view of preventing frauds upon the revenue. Upon the more general question as to what the Government should do in the matter of spurious tea and other adulterations there is more difficulty. We should despair of a Government being able to define, with any success, what is wine, or tea, or almost any other article, the shadings of intermixture and adulteration being altogether too refined for legislative tests. In general, too, the maxim of *caveat emptor* is a very sound one, and we do not see that any real good is done in securing individual purchasers against their own remissness in buying articles upon the faith of the names only, when they can protect themselves by sampling, and similar expedients. Such transactions are matters of pure contract, and if purchasers have anything to complain of, the law courts are open to them. The only case where, as it appears to us, the legislature could fitly interfere, is in the sale of articles manifestly and gravely injurious to the health of the people. In such a case, the community has a right to be protected against the carelessness or inability of individuals to protect themselves; but the line even there is very difficult to draw. But whatever the Government ought to do, it is at least quite certain that the Customs and Inland Revenue Departments are most unfit to be entrusted with any sanitary duties.

GOING FOR A SONG.—The Emperor of China has conferred on the Emperor of Germany the glorious title of Hwang Ti! Now that Kaiser Wilhelm has got it, we wonder what he will do with it! The only thing we can think of, is that it might do as the chorus for a comic song. Now, them, Lion Comiques, what will you bid?—*Fun.*

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

JANUARY 29th, EVENING.

There has not been much change in the tone of the market for Bengal drug. The following are the ruling prices: Patna, $690 to $695, cash and credit; Benares, $687½ to $692½; Patna, first sales on time, $705 for new; Patna, first sales on time, 697½ for old. In Malwa a fair amount of business has been done at $630, on credit.

JANUARY 30th, MORNING.

No change at present.

SHARES.

Hongkong Bank Shares, Old—64½ per cent. premium.
Hongkong Bank Shares, New—62 per cent. premium.
Union Insurance Society of Canton, new shares—$1,500 per share premium.
China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares—$1,900 per share premium, ex div.
China and Japan Marine Insurance—Tls. 95 to 97½ per share premium.
Chinese Insurance Company.—$160 per share premium.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—$375 per share, premium.
China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—$62 per share, premium.
Victoria Fire Insurance Company's Shares—$64 to 65 per share, premium.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—27 per cent. discount.
Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Shares—32½ per cent. premium.
Shanghai Steam Navigation Company—Tls. 162 per share.
China Sea, Saigon, and Straits Steamship Company—5 per cent. discount.
China and Straits Steam Navigation Company—25 per cent. discount.
Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—$65 per share.
Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—59 per cent. discount.
Hongkong Distillery Company—10 per cent. premium.
Indo-Chinese Sugar Company—$25 per share discount.
Hongkong Pier and Godown Company.—$10 to 9 per share discount.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight, ... —
Bank Bills, at 6 months' sight, 4/5½
Credits, at 6 months' sight 4/5⅝
Documentary Bills, at 6 months' sight 4/5½
Bank Bills on demand, ... 4/4
ON NEW YORK.—
Private, 5 months' sight......... —
ON BOMBAY.—Bank, 3 days' sight 219½
ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, 3 days' sight 219½
ON SHANGHAI.—
Bank, 3 days' sight.................72½
Bank, 15 days sight.................72⅝
Private, 30 days' sight..............72¾ to 72⅞

SALES ON JANUARY 29TH, 1872.
As reported by Chinese.

White Wax, 3 pieces, at $82.00, by Kin-fung to travelling merchant.
Yellow Wax, 1 piece, at $52.50, by Kin-fung to travelling merchant.
Vermicelli, 20 picula, at $9.20, by Kin-fung to travelling merchant.
Black Pepper, 20 bags, at $10.60, by Fook-mow-loong to travelling merchant.
Rangoon Rice, 2,000 piculs, at $2.42, by Fook-mow-loong to Hongkong merchant.
Saigon Rice, 9,000 piculs, at $2.42, by Hung-fung to Hongkong merchant.
Siam Rice, 5,000 piculs, at $2.33, by Hung-fung to Hongkong merchant.
Shanghai Cotton, 100 bales, at $17.25, by Yee-shun to Macao merchant.
Ningpo Cotton, 50 bales, at $18.80, by Yee-shun to Macao merchant.
Bombay Cotton, 21 bales, at $16.00, by Parsee merchant to Chuechow merchant.
Calcutta Cotton, 200 bales, at $14.50, by Parsee merchant to Yuet-wo-loong.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. OSCAR HARTMANN having withdrawn from our firm by mutual consent, his interest and responsibility therein terminated on the 31st December, 1871.
The business will be continued under the same style as before.
Mr. F. W. HUDENNIM and Mr. F. HERRMANN, are from this day admitted as partners in our firm.
LEHMANN, HARTMANN & Co.
Hiogo-Osaka, January 1st, 1872. [tf 158

THE undersigned have mutually entered into partnership as House and Land Agents, Rent Collectors, and Collectors of Debts, &c., &c., under the firm of BARRINGTON & ALGAR.
Distraints for Rent executed, and Money procured on Mortgage. In all details connected with the above business the public may rely on due attention being given.
T. W. BARRINGTON.
THOS. ALGAR.
tf 144 Hongkong, 1st January, 1872.

Office removed from No. 47, Wyndham Street, to the Store of Messrs. F. BLACKHEAD & Co., Queen's Road West.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned have this day commenced business as Merchants and Commission Agents in Saigon.
ALEXR. GAIR & Co.
Saigon, 12th January, 1872. [tf 133

NOTICE.

MR. H. SEYMOUR GEARY, Mr. TOBIAS PIM, and Mr. JOHN F. SEAMAN, Jr., are this day admitted partners in our firm in Hongkong and China.
OLYPHANT & Co.
tf 1 Hongkong, 1st January, 1872.

NOTICE.

MR. CARL ROBERT MEUSER is this day admitted a partner in our firm at Hongkong and at Canton.
PAUL EHLERS & Co.
3m 27 Hongkong, 1st January, 1872.

MR. WILHELM REINERS is authorized to sign our firm, per procuration, from this date.
MELCHERS & Co.
3m 3 Hongkong, 1st January, 1872.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. F. CLAUSS in our firm ceased on the 31st December, 1871, by mutual consent.
Hongkong and China, the 1st January, 1872.
1m 4] BOURJAU, HUBENER & Co.

THE business hitherto carried on at this port under the firm of DIRCKS & Co. will from this date be conducted under the Style or Firm of
DIRCKS & KRÜGER.
All outstanding accounts of the old Firm will be liquidated by Mr. HINR. ANDR. DIRCKS, who will sign the firm in liquidation.
DIRCKS & Co.
1m 5 Swatow, 1st January, 1872.

NOTICE.—The interest and responsibility of Mr. J. MURRAY FORBES in our firm has ceased. Mr. FREDK. DELANO HITCH, and Mr. HENRY DE COURCEY FORBES are admitted partners in our firm from this date.
RUSSELL & Co.
1m 16 China, January 1st, 1872.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. JULIUS MENKE in our firm ceased on the 31st of December, 1870.
WM. PUSTAU & Co.
Hongkong and China,
December 16th, 1871. [3m 2164

THE undersigned have established themselves as Merchants and Commission Agents at this port, under the Firm or Style of FREWIN & Co.
HENRY FREWIN.
EDWARD HERTON.
tf 17 Swatow, January 1st, 1872.

THE Partnership of HUTCHINGS AND CAMPBELL has been dissolved by Mutual concent.
FRANCIS HUTCHINGS.
PATRICK CAMPBELL.
3m 2125 Swatow, 7th December, 1871.

MR. THOMAS PICKERING DROWN is a partner in my business from this day, which will in future be conducted under the Style or Firm of E. VINCENT & Co.
E. VINCENT.
tf 1676 Swatow, 2nd October, 1871.

NOTICE.

MR. WILLIAM HENRY MOORE and MR. OTTO FRIEDRICH, have this day been admitted partners in our firm.
LAMMERT, ATKINSON & Co.
tf 1258 Hongkong, 30th June, 1870.

NOTICE.

MR. WILLIAM ABBOTT TURNBULL is authorised to sign our firm from this date.
BIRLEY, WORTHINGTON & Co.
tf 829 Shanghai, 1st May, 1871.

THE interest and responsibility of Mr. J. A. KOOK in our firm, ceased on the 28th of July by mutual consent, and we shall carry on our business, as hitherto, under the same style.
J. SMITH & Co.
tf 1410 Chefoo, 6th August, 1871.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Sole Agents for the Sale of their Goods in Hongkong and China by Messrs. J. & R. Tennent, Glasgow, and Messrs. David Corsar & Sons Arbroath.
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.
tf 419 Hongkong, January, 1867.

DENT & CO.'S ESTATE.

A FOURTH DIVIDEND of Two per cent. on all Claims against the above Estate admitted by the Trustees, will be paid at their Office, No. 7, Pedder's Hill, on the First Day of August next.
tf 1100 Hongkong, 27th June, 1871.

G. W. COLLINS. SHIP CHANDLER, *TAKU.*
Shipping supplied on most reasonable Terms.
3m 65] [Jan. 9

SAIL MAKING.

WILLIAM DOLAN, having returned to Hongkong, has resumed his business of SAIL MAKING in all its branches, at his old place in *Duddell Street*, and solicits the patronage of the Public.
He has on hand a fine assortment of 8 and 10 ounce RAVINS DUCK, suitable for Boat Sails or Awnings.
tf 858 Hongkong, 30th April, 1869.

TAKASIMA COLLIERY, NAGASAKI.

THE Undersigned are prepared to supply Coals from the Takasima Colliery (8 foot seam), in quantities as required, to be delivered on board ship in this Harbor.
Note.—The Specific Gravity of Takasima Coal is 1.245, it contains 82.07 per cent. of Carbon, and is admitted to be fully equal to the best English North Country Coal for steaming and all other purposes.
GLOVER & Co.
Agent in Hongkong,
NORTON, LYALL & Co.
tf 1951 Nagasaki, Japan, October, 1870.

NOTICE.

THE Commission appointed under the hand and seal of His Excellency Governor SIR RICHARD GRAVES MACDONNELL, K.C.M.G., C.B., &c., &c., to inquire into the condition of the Police Force of this Colony, having commenced its sittings, all Persons who have any evidence to offer on any of the matters enumerated in His Excellency's Memorandum No. 638, or who have any suggestions to offer for the greater efficiency of the Police Force, are requested to send their Names, with *a list* of the points on which they would wish to be examined, to the Secretary of the Commission, at the Supreme Court House.
ALFRED LISTER,
Secretary.
Supreme Court House, 1st January, 1872.

SUMMARY OF POINTS ON WHICH HIS EXCELLENCY SUGGESTS INQUIRY.

A. Crime during past six years.
B. Increase or decrease, cause of: How far due to individual exertion.
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tf 183 Hongkong, 26th January, 1872.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

THE Company's Steamship
"VOLGA,"
Capt. Flambeau, will be dispatched for
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shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail.
A. CONIL,
Principal Agent.
tf 186 Hongkong, 26th January, 1872.

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A. CONIL,
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tf 187 Hongkong, 26th January, 1872.

FOR NEW YORK.

THE A 1 American Ship
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925 Tons, Capt. Miller, expected on the 31st instant from Swatow, will load here and at Whampoa, and be despatched in the latter part of February.
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FOR SAIGON.

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6d 176 Hongkong, 25th January, 1872.

FOR FOOCHOW AND SHANGHAI.

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"GORDON CASTLE,"
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1y 699 Hongkong, 24th April, 1871.

NOTICE.

FORMERLY Messrs. DENT & Co. were possessed of three lots of ground, situated on the western suburb of Canton, on the north of Shameen Canal, and known respectively as the "lot at the rear of Cham-mok-lan," the "lot at the junction of the Chai-lan Street," and the "lot in front of Tai-ping-tong." These three lots of ground had been leased by Messrs. DENT & Co. to one YU CHONG ON, but subsequently, owing to the non-performance by him of the covenants and conditions, subject to which the leave was granted, the Trustees of Messrs. DENT & Co. cancelled the same, and such cancellation has been duly registered and notified through the British Consul to the Chinese Authorities, who having duly noted the annulment, possession of the said lots had been resumed by the said Trustees, and YU CHONG ON finally ejected and expelled from the premises. All these circumstances appear in the official records.
Notice is hereby given, that through Messrs. CALDWELL and BRERETON, solicitors, and Mr. J. J. FRANCIS, solicitor, the above three lots of ground have, on the 16th day of the 11th moon of the 10th year Toong-chee, (27th December, 1871) been sold and assigned over to the undersigned. The purchase money for the same has been paid in full, and all the title deeds and plans, formerly held by Messrs. DENT & Co.'s Trustees, have been made over to them. Furthermore the whole matter having been brought before the Namhoi Magistrate, by Her Britannic Majesty's Consul at Canton, the said Magistrate has reported the facts to His Excellency the Viceroy of the Two Kwangs, and has issued a proclamation stating that the undersigned have lawfully become possessed of the property as purchasers, and that they are permitted to build tenements thereon, for the purpose of letting, and otherwise to exercise complete ownership and control thereover, and accordingly that they shall have perpetual possession of the same. This will also be found in official records.
The above transaction, therefore, having been concluded with the sanction of the authorities of both countries, who have communicated with each other on the subject, and placed it on official record, it is clearly a case of *bonâ fide* purchase, and notice of the same is hereby given to all parties whom it may concern.
Dated this 16th day of January, 1872.
1m 123] YOW WO TONG.

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CHY LOONG.
Sweet-meat Dealers' Shop, Canton.
6m 1854 Canton, 30th October, 1871.

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HOUSE, SHIP, AND STEAMBOAT PLUMBERS.
COPPERSMITHS & BRASSFOUNDERS.
No. 1, Queen's Road East and Nullah Lane,
Opposite H.M. Naval Dock Yard.
tf 387 Hongkong, 1st March, 1871.

THE offices of the Undersigned, and His Netherlands Majesty's Consulate, have this day been REMOVED to the premises formerly occupied by Messrs. MELCHERS & Co., at the junction of Graham and Wellington Streets.
EDUARD SCHELLHASS & Co.
tf 14 Hongkong, 2nd January, 1872

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILA, PORT SAID, MARSEILLES;
ALSO,
MAHE, ST. DENIS, PORT LOUIS.

ON THURSDAY, the 1st February, 1872, at noon, the Company's S. S. "*PEIHO*," Commandant MELIZAN, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.
Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.
Shipping orders will be granted till noon, and Cargo will be received on board until 4 P.M., Specie and Parcels until 3 o'clock P.M. on the 31st January. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.) Contents and value of Packages are required.
For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.
A. CONIL,
Principal Agent.
Hongkong, January 25th, 1872.

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THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship "*PEKIN*," Captain W. WOOLCOTT, with Her Majesty's Mails, Passengers, Specie, and Cargo, will leave this for the above places on THURSDAY, the 8th February, 1872, at noon.
Cargo will be received on board until noon, and Specie and Parcels at the office until 2 P.M. on the 7th proximo.
For Particulars regarding Freight and Passage, apply at the P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong. CONTENTS AND VALUE OF PACKAGES ARE REQUIRED.
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The Company reserve the option of forwarding all goods shipped by their Steamers for Europe through Egypt, either by rail, or by Canal in their own Steamers, or in vessels employed for the purpose.
Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black Bills of Lading.
A. McIVER, *Superintendent.*
Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co.'s Office, Hongkong, 25th January, 1872.

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The "*GREAT REPUBLIC*" will be due at San Francisco March 19th, whence daily Passenger trains and daily Freight trains are run over the Central and Union Pacific Railroad Lines for New York and for all the principal cities in the interior and upon the Atlantic Seaboard. The time between San Francisco and New York by First-class Passenger trains is six days and twenty hours; and the distance 3,312 miles.
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Value and weight of Parcel Packages required; all Packages should be marked to address in full.
No Freight received after noon of the 11th prox. No Parcel Packages received after 5 P.M. same day.
For further information as to Passage or Freight, apply at the Agency of the Company, *Praya West.*
T. A. HARRIS,
Agent.
Hongkong, January 12th, 1872.

Post-Office Notifications.

A mail will close.
For Swatow.—Per *Martaban*, at 1.30 P.M., to-day, the 30th instant.
For Saigon.—Per *United Service*, at 1.30 P.M., to-morrow, the 31st instant.

MAILS BY THE "*FRENCH PACKET.*"
The French Mail Packet "*PEIHO*," will be dispatched on THURSDAY, the 1st February, at noon, with the Mails—
To Saigon, Singapore, Point de Galle, India, Aden, Seychelles, Reunion and Mauritius, Suez, Alexandria, France and other Continental States (in a closed mail to France), and to and through the United Kingdom *via Marseilles.*
Letters for Registration will be received until 10 A.M. on the 1st February.
The Post Office will be open for the reception of Ordinary Letters, Newspapers, Books, &c., until 11 A.M. on the 1st February, after which no Letters can be received.
Money Orders on any of the Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom will be granted until 5 P.M. on the 31st instant.
F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.
General Post Office,
Hongkong, 24th January, 1872.

MAILS BY THE "*ENGLISH PACKET.*"
The English Contract Packet "*PEKIN*," will be dispatched with the usual Mails for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 8th February, at noon.
Money Orders on any of the Money Order Offices in the United Kingdom will be granted until 5 P.M. on the 7th February.
The Post Office will be open until 6 P.M. on the 7th February.
Letters, &c., may be posted during the night in the box left open for their reception.
Letters for registration will be received until 10 A.M. on the 25th instant.
Letters may be posted until 10 A.M. on the 8th February, without late fee.
Letters posted after 10 A.M. on the 8th February, will not be forwarded unless the *Late Fee* of 18 cents each as well as the postage is prepaid.
The Latest time for posting Letters at this Office is 11 A.M., and for Newspapers, Books, or Patterns 10 A.M. on the 8th February.
Late letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom *viâ Brindisi*, or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet from 11.30 A.M. to the time of sailing, on payment of a *Late Fee* of 48 cents each in addition to the postage.
F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.
General Post-Office,
Hongkong, 26th January, 1872.

British Columbia having become a part of the Dominion of Canada, all correspondence for that Province (including that for Vancouver's Island,) will henceforth be chargeable with the same rates of Postage, and will be subject to the same regulations of transmission, as correspondence for other parts of Canada, viz.:—

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When sent per French Packet,	36	8

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When sent viâ Southampton,	12	16
When sent viâ Brindisi,	18	16
When sent per French Packet,	16	16

F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.
General Post Office,
Hongkong, 15th January, 1872.

It is hereby notified for general information that, the Postage (which must be paid in advanced) upon letters addressed to Prince Edward Island, will henceforward be as follows, viz.:—
When forwarded viâ Brindisi......42 cents each half-ounce.
When forwarded viâ Marseilles.........36 cents each half-ounce.
When forwarded viâ Southampton......28 cents each half-ounce
F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.
General Post-Office.
Hongkong, 28th July, 1870.

It is hereby notified that henceforward the following Rates of Postage will be charged upon Correspondence forwarded from Hongkong, or any of the British Post Office Agencies in China and Japan, by BRITISH MAIL PACKETS, *viâ Brindisi*, to the undermentioned Countries, viz.:—

FOR A LETTER.

Addressed to	For a Letter
Italy	16 cents for each ½ oz
Switzerland, The German States, Austria, Belgium, The Netherlands	24 " " "
Denmark, Heligoland	32 " " "
Sweden, Norway, Russia	46 " " "

Addressed to	For a Newspaper or Price Current.	For each four ounces of Book Packets and Packets of Patterns
Italy	2 cts.	6 cts.
Switzerland, The German States, Austria	4 "	8 "
Belgium, The Netherlands, Denmark, Heligoland, Sweden, Norway, Russia	4 "	12 "

The prepayment of the postage on ordinary Letters is optional.
The postage on registered Letters must be prepaid: the charge for registration being the same sum as the postage on each Letter.
The prepayment of the postage on Newspapers, other printed papers and Packets of Patterns is compulsory
F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.
General Post-Office,
Hongkong, 2nd December, 1871.

It is hereby notified for general information, that henceforward the rates of Postage, which must be paid in advance, chargeable upon Book and Pattern Packets posted at Hongkong, or at any of the British Postal Agencies in China and Japan, to be forwarded by the British Contract Mail Packets to the Australian Colonies and New Zealand, will be as follows, viz.:—
For a Packet not exceeding 1 ounce in weight........................ 2 cents
For a Packet above 1 ounce and not exceeding 2 ounces........... 4 "
For a Packet above 2 ounces and not exceeding 4 ounces........... 8 "
For a Packet above 4 ounces and not exceeding 8 ounces..............16 "
and so on, adding 8 cents for every additional ounces or fraction thereof.
F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.
General Post Office,
Hongkong 16th June, 1870.

It is hereby notified for general information that on and after the 1st August next, the Commission chargeable on Money Orders issued upon the United Kingdom at Hongkong, Shanghai, and Yokohama will be as follows, viz.:—
On sums not exceeding £2..........18 cents.
Above £2 and not exceeding £5...36 "
Above £5 and not exceeding £7...54 "
Above £7 and not exceeding £10..72 "
F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.
General Post Office,
Hongkong, 15th July, 1870.

It is hereby notified for general information, that the Postage on Letters addressed to Norway, when forwarded *via Southampton*, will henceforward be 36 cents for each half ounce which may either be paid in advance, or it may be left to be collected on delivery of the Letters. Unpaid Letters will be subject to an additional charge on delivery.
F. W. MITCHELL,
Postmaster General.
General Post Office,
Hongkong, 23rd August, 1870.

Extracts.

A Christmas Legend from a Poem by Rueckert.

(From the "St. James's Magazine." Christmas Number.)

"It is Christmas Eve!—the eve of joy and gladness throughout the Christian world. A little child, all lonely, is wandering up and down through the streets of a fair old German city, looking wistfully up at the bright windows, and stopping ever and anon to listen to the merry sounds of the voices of other children. Here and there, as he stands before some low window, he catches glimpses of the Christmas trees, which, in every different size, and decked out with every different degree of splendour, are more or less surrounded by happy faces, on whom the Christmas lights reflect, for the time at least, a passing gleam of brightness and joy. Well, "Christmas comes but once a year" in Germany or in England either! The poor little stranger—we will call him Gottfried—as he stood alone in that gay street, was sad enough at heart. On this night at the least, of all the three hundred and sixty five nights in the year, every other boy and girl seemed to have some joy or other prepared for him or for her. He only out of all was neglected—nobody thought of him or cared for him. His father and mother were dead, and in their graves; and he had come out and wandered to a strange, strange place, where no one knew or heeded his sorrows, or sought to give him relief, or to pour kind words into his ear. Alone, in that city's "crowded loneliness" how utterly lonely Gottfried was! Even the holy Christ-Child, Who so loved all and cared for all, and especially for little children, on this the anniversary of His birth night, even He seemed to have forgotten him. To feel wretched, and lonely, and neglected, when all around us are happy and rejoicing, is a bitter trial even to the least sensitive among us. The poor child longed for human companions and for human sympathy. How grateful would he have felt if he could have been called in and allowed to sit down, even for an hour, in a corner of one of those bright, cheerful rooms—if he could have felt the warmth of the fireside, with the huge Yule log, falling upon his shivering limbs—if he could look nearer, as one of the youthful company, at the shining lights and the varied gifts that hung upon the tree, and joyed in beholding and sharing the happiness of others! He wanted nothing more, but this he *did* want; and, as he pictured to himself what a happiness this would be, he took courage, and tapped gently and timidly, now at this door, now at that, in the hope of gaining admittance, but all in vain. They could not or they would not hear. It was a night of universal joy in doors; families had met together to rejoice and be glad; and the laughter and merriment of youthful voices within fairly drowned the feeble knock and the plaintive voice of the lonely little outcast who stood upon the door-step. Fathers looked on with pride at their happy, joyous children; mothers busied themselves with attendance on their guests and distributing the presents, while Gretchen, Hans, and Mary, Fritz, Karl, and Emma, all shouted and danced for joy around the beautiful gifts which their Christmas-tree had brought them this year. All were happy. And no one, old or young, could dream that one of the Christ-Child's little ones was starving at their very doors! The child drew a sigh, and went wearily on; for he knew not in that strange city where to turn to for a night's lodging, however humble, were it only a hay loft or a stable. Tired and heart-sick, at length he crouched down under the shadow of an old church-porch, and strove to warm his frozen limbs, and to seek from the hand of "nature's kind nurse," sleep, forgetfulness of his present misery. And sleep was near to him; yes, very near! In memory he sat once more again upon his mother's knee, and listened once more to her sweet, gentle voice, as she told him the wonderful story of that first Christmas Eve, when the Saviour of the World first appeared as a babe in the manger of the humble inn at Bethlehem; of the lonely shepherds keeping watch over their flocks by night upon the hill-side; of the sudden bursting on their sight of multitudes of beautiful and heavenly beings—those herald angels singing for the first time since the creation that glorious birth-day hymn, which is sung evermore from that day to this, "Glory to God in the highest." And then came back, bit by bit, to his memory the oft-told tales of the Holy Child's life of fasting and temptation, and trial, suffering, of poverty, of loneliness, of betrayal in the end of His love for all, especially for little children; and how, through the cruel death which He suffered, He purchased for all who would receive it at His hands, a long, long life beyond the grave—how He had left a bright example for all to tread in His footsteps, and, having finished the work of love upon earth, had gone back to His home above the blue sky to prepare a beautiful place, and had promised that all who should do His will on earth, should share His happiness in heaven. And had not his mother taught him over and over again that the Christmas tree, with its brilliant lights, its golden and silver fruits, its beautiful toys, and other precious gifts, was but faint type of the great and countless blessings which the Babe of Bethlehem had purchased for all at the highest of all possible prices? And was He not this night, with a band of angels, revisiting the earth once wore, a Child among children, rejoicing in their happiness, and loving and blessing all those whom He way find striving to follow in his steps? "I love him too," thought the desolate child. "Yes, I love Him dearly. I wear His cross upon my forehead, and I bear His name; and will He not cast one look upon me here in these dark, cold, dreary streets, as He passes with His band of holy angels over this city to-night? I have no one left to me now but Him." And, with clasped hands and streaming eyes, the orphan prayed to his Father in heaven that he might not be quite forgotten on this holy eve of Christmas-tide. The night wore on apace, the wind blew sharp and keen down the street; and his eyes, which had gazed so eagerly upwards, as if for an answer to his prayer, closed in a troubled sleep. But what new and strange brightness bursts upon the weary sleeper now? Is it a dream, or are the holy angels come again, as they came to the shepherds of old upon the hills around Bethlehem? Gottfried's heart throbs wildly within his breast, with mingled feelings of hope and fear; for standing before him is a Child, the majesty of whose beauty and glory no human pen could describe. In tones of thrilling love He spoke:—"Gottfried, you have called upon Me in your distress, and I have heard you. See, I am come down from My home far above the eternal hills—yes, from above the heaven of heavens—to show you the depth and the riches of My love towards all who love Me and try to serve Me and do My will. I have marked and noted all your earthly sorrows. I have seen your patient grief when all around you were so glad this night; and now I will give you such a joy as it has never entered into your heart, or into the heart of any other child to conceive." He ceased, and pointed upwards. And lo! the dark, dark sky was gone, and bright and beautiful scenes lay stretched out before his eyes, one beyond the other—so far, and yet so near; and, one by one, they faded into the blue distance. And there were high hills and fair green valleys, and beautiful meadows and crystal streams, and groups of beautiful and happy children, and glories without end. And there, too, were tall, bright Christmas-trees, the lights on which glittered like the stars of heaven, and the fruits of which were such as are unknown to dwellers upon earth, both for beauty, and smell, and taste. Gottfried looked again, and his eyes beamed with delight when he saw bands of fair children beckoning him to come up into this fair and wonderful land. Nearer and nearer they approach, and soon Gottfried can see their pure, gentle faces, and recognise the bright Cross which shone upon the brow of each child like a brilliant jewel. And now rich melody, as of songs of welcome, burst upon his ears, as angels gently bear him upwards from the dark, dead level of the plains of earth to the bright regions of heaven. * * * Next morning, the sun arose in all his glory; and, as the people were thronging to the church of St. Mary, in that fair city, for early mass, they found Gottfried, with clasped hands and bended knees, all stiff and frozen, crouching down in the porch. They touched him and spoke to him, but he gave no answer. The frost had done it work. They tried to raise him; but he was stiff and dying! * * * I saw him again that day. He was dying, oh! so happily. In the evening he was at rest—better off than those children who had danced last evening around the Christmas-tree.

Art in the Sanctuary.

To sum up the whole of this part of our subject in a word. We hold that the office of art, architectural and pictorial, in a building devoted to religious worship, should be limited to the production of that fitness which acts with the gentle suasion of sympathy. Just as a summer Sunday morning, with all the soothing influences of surrounding nature,—the temple which God himself has built for us, rich in beauty, and yet subdued to pathos and mystery,—prepares the mind for Sabbath services; so, in its limited measure, should the building which human hands devote to His worship. As we enter its gates with praise, the architecture and adornments should with reverent subordination harmonise with and support our thoughts, its walls of peace enclosing and sheltering us from the occupations and gay tumult of secular life, and suggesting other and higher things. Art should never attempt to rule our thought, but only to sympathise with and cherish its aspirations. And such, no doubt, is exactly the impression produced in most of those sanctuaries throughout our land which we have denounced for their pagan construction; and such is not the impression, for the most part, of those which represent amongst us the spiritual forces of Christianity. But there is no reason why the sweetness and chaste propriety of architecture of those older buildings should not be dissociated from the Christian fetishism that governed their erection, and still fatally lingers within their walls;—no reason why Gothic or Lombardic forms of roof, of window, of column, should not be applied to buildings in which no trace of that fetishism is permitted. Non-conformists, however, partaking of the art-culture of the nation, and striving to avail themselves of architecture beautiful in itself, and consecrated by association, have too often adopted with it forms which express what they most repudiate. The result is not merely inconsistency, but often a ludicrous bathos. As when an organ is incontinently thrust into the holy place adapted for the altar and its mysteries; and the pulpit, appropriately enough placed on one side to open uninterrupted view of the more important functions of the altar, is still retained there when nothing is to be seen beyond but a row of singers! These are degrading falsities. The new spiritual wine cannot be poured into the old bottles of superstition. The mere adoption of mediæval forms, when the meaning has departed, or is expressly repudiated, is small credit to the skill of the architect, or the intelligence of the people. Scarcely less lamentable is it to see machine-made imitations of ancient ornament thickly crusted over a building inside and out, with no other object apparently than to make it smart or costly; to display the wealth, the pretensions, certainly not to foster the piety of the worshippers. Far better would it be to set up again the plain unadorned barn of a "Bethel"—far better if Art-beauty in any degree interfere with the spiritual purpose. What sort of Bethel was it that plain man, Jacob—so inferior to the chivalrous Abraham, or the intellectual Isaac—set up at first, and yet found it the very gate of heaven?—*Art and Religion. By Josiah Gilbert.*

An Italian Virago.

Besides our own *servitu* there was a mixed and heterogeneous crowd always loitering about. First and foremost comes Maria, a stalwart contadina, with the fresh ruddy look of a rustic Hebe. She carries all the water used in the house in a great brass vessel on her head, and carries it nobly, with the air and step of a water-nymph, up those long, long flights of stairs. Maria flaunts about with a red handkerchief floating from her head, her hair pierced by a silver arrow—long and sharp, and dangerous—a weapon she can use, too, should occasion require; for a dark devil lurks in Maria's flashing eyes. Round her neck are suspended long strings of coral, giving her, as connected with the brass vessel and the water generally, a mermaid character. On Sundays and festa days Maria puts on a smart red petticoat, with green ribbons, and a gorgeous pair of purple stays, trimmed with a profusion of white lace. She has gold earrings and a cross, which *may* be taken off, but the coral I believe she sleeps in. There are dark stories about Maria, otherwise a kind, genial soul, ever ready with her sparkling smile and hearty, "*Stia bene, signora.*" She is married to a brute, a species of *cacciatore*, who divides his time between wandering in the forest and drinking in the *Spuccio di Vino*, from whence it was "his custom of an afternoon" to return home dead drunk and to beat Maria dreadfully. Maria, who was a comely girl, and might have married better, but for an unhappy hankering after this unworthy Nimrod, bore it meekly for some time. She bore his blows in silence, shedding sad and bitter tears over her blighted love—her true and honest love. But she was an Italian. Hot fever blood flowed in her veins; and by-and-by desire for the *vendetta* tugged like a gloomy spirit at her heart strings. She would have vengeance—vengeance on the man who had so basely illused her. The opportunity was not long wanting. Ferdinando soon staggered into their wretched hovel, royally drunk, and flung himself upon the nuptial couch (Anglicè the only bed they possessed). Maria, in ominous silence, was awaiting his return. She rose, and taking her needles and scissors, the weapons of our sex, sat down beside the bed on which her debased husband lay wrapped in a bestial sleep, and began to sew. Yes, to sew—stitching the two sheets firmly and securely together! Her hand did not tremble, but there was a deadly look in her black eyes all the while, pregnant of evil. She sewed until Ferdinando was entirely closed as in a net; then she rose—her eyes flashing a still darker fire—and proceeded to a certain corner where he kept his guns, and sticks, and knives. Her hand fell intuitively on a big stiletto knife; but it trembled a little, and was withdrawn. She paused, then firmly clutched the largest and heaviest bludgeon there. A Satanic smile came over her face as she raised the heavy stick and dealt him a portentous blow; then another and another, until the drunken man, suddenly sobered by the pain, writhed and swayed in agony, as he lay weltering in his blood. His piteous cries aroused the neighbours, who came bursting in. They shrank back appalled at the ghastly sight; for Maria, wild with evil passions, stood like an avenging Fury over her husband, remorseless, unsexed, maddened. She was seized, and the weapon forced from her grasp. Recalled to herself, she swooned away. Her husband, when extricated from the sheets, was all but dead. Months passed ere he recovered, a cowed and humbled man, who shrank away from Maria like a beaten cur. Poverty forced them still to live under the same roof, but they never spoke. When we came there, a year had passed, and Maria looked jovial and happy. She had conquered; and but for a certain dark flashing of the eye, I could not have believed so dire a tale.—*Diary of An Idle Woman in Italy. By Frances Elliot.*

The Gunpowder Seizure at Greenwich.

The *Advertiser* observes that readers of the police intelligence will have seen that a Mr. Gladstone, of Greenwich, has been charged before Sir Thomas Henry with keeping on his premises 7,300 pounds of powder more than his licence permitted. It is almost needless to say that this Mr. Gladstone, of Greenwich, is not the William Ewart Gladstone, of Greenwich, to whom the government of the country has for a time been entrusted. It would be very hard indeed to prove him guilty of keeping too much gunpowder in stock; in fact, it has before now been laid to his charge that his stocks are so low that he would certainly be unable to undertake any sudden large order. In the result, Sir T. Henry said that the Act had no doubt been violated, and inflicted the mitigated penalty of £1, declaring the property forfeited to the Crown, on whom must rest the responsibility of moving it. Here, then, the W. E. Gladstone comes in, and as neither he nor his subordinate Ministers are very clever at removing material of war from place to place, they may as well sink the right of the Crown in this instance. Two other possibilities suggest themselves. Mr. Baxter might be commissioned to go down and sell the powder in small lots by auction, or the lot might be put upon one of our very seaworthy ironclads, in the full assurance that it would at all events be conveyed speedily to a place where gunpowder, at any rate, is safe from explosion.—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

The International.

The *Spectator* remarks that the world seems greatly disposed to make a bugbear of the International Society; to believe that because its language is audacious and its aims gigantic, therefore its power is vast. Conservatives on the Continent seem to regard it with something of the mingled dread and disgust with which Protestants regard the Society of Jesus, and to be ready to establish an Inquisition for the suppression of so deadly a political heresy. The fear may of course be well grounded, for continental Governments have means of ascertaining the feelings of their own masses which we do not possess here in England, but there are some patent facts which it will be well to consider before giving way to panic. The first of these is that while the International claims millions of adherents, and avowedly aspires to political power, it nowhere achieves any substantial influence over representative bodies. Of course, under a system of majorities, a very large but diffused minority may be so defeated as to leave no trace; but the Central Council itself, in its most recent programme, only points to the necessity of acquiring political power, and admits that it has not yet succeeded in conciliating the agricultural proletariat, that is, in most parts of Europe, the infinitely greater majority of those who toil. How the Council are to conciliate them out of England we cannot even imagine. There is not a branch, or sect, or affiliated company of the Socialists which does not insist upon the absorption of all land by the State—indeed, the theory would not work without it—and it is insisted on even in the curious programme just issued, apparently by some Mazzinists, in which all Europe is to be united into a Federal Republic or League, with belief in God as the first article in its creed. Yet all throughout the continent, except Austria, the peasant proprietors outnumber all other classes put together, and in Austria, owing to the abundance of land, the agriculturist is not pressed by physical misery. Of course, as we have often admitted, if the International could gain the confidence of the agricultural labourers in this country, it might wield a terrible power in our society, for they are suffering, they are conscious of suffering, and they have in their hands the most terrible of weapons—the torch. But they are not to be gained by any international body. The ablest foreign lecturer who ever lived might go down among them and make any promises he pleased, and if they found out that he repudiated God, denounced marriage, and wished for a community of goods, his lecture room would be swiftly emptied and himself in considerable danger.

Insurances.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

REDUCTION IN RATES ON CHINESE RISKS.

ON and after the 15th instant, the minimum rate for the insurance against Fire of Chinese Premises in this Colony will be reduced to Two per cent. per annum.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited.
tf 1997 Hongkong, 14th November, 1870.

NOTICE.

THE QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE following rates will be charged in future for SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—
Not exceeding 10 days, ⅛ of the annual rate.
Not exceeding 1 month, ¼ do. do.
Above 1 month and not exceeding 3 months... ½ do. do.
Above 3 months and not exceeding 6 months... ¾ do. do.

NORTON, LYALL & Co.,
Agents the Queen Insurance Company.
tf 212 Hongkong, 22nd January, 1870.

IMPERIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY
REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM.

UNTIL further notice the following Annual Rates will be charged for Fire Insurance viz:—
Detached & semi-detached Dwelling Houses removed from town, and their contents. } ½ per cent.
Otherdwelling Houses, used strictly as such, and their contents. } ¾ per cent.
Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and their contents. } 1 per cent.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents Imperial Fire Insurance Company
tf 834 Hongkong, 7th March, 1865.

NOTICE.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE annual rates for Fire Insurance on the various classes of Buildings and their contents will remain as follows until further notice, viz:—
Detached and semi-detached Dwelling Houses (removed from the town) and their contents. } ½ per cent.
Other Dwelling Houses (similarly situated) and their contents } ¾ per cent.
Offices and Godowns and their contents. } 1 per cent.
Other Risks by Special arrangement.
The following rates will be charged for SHORT PERIOD Policies:—
Not exceeding 10 days ⅛th per cent.
Not exceeding............ 1 month ¼ per cent.
Above 1 month, and not exceeding.................. } 3 ,, ¼ ,,
Above 3 months, and not exceeding.................. } 6 ,, ¾ ,,
Above 6 months, the full annual rate of 1 ,,

ROBT. S. WALKER & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.
tf 1763 Hongkong, 13th September, 1869.

LONDON AND ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT INSURANCE OFFICE.
137, LEADENHALL STREET, LONDON.
ESTABLISHED 1848.

THE Undersigned is authorised to accept risks on behalf of this Office, by First Class Steamers and Sailing Ships.

A. McIVER, *Agent.*
tf Hongkong, 1st July, 1867.

PHŒNIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents to the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of £40,000, on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
tf 717 Hongkong, 9th November, 1868.

Insurances.

DRESDEN INSURANCE COMPANY FOR SEA, RIVER, AND LAND TRANSPORT, DRESDEN.

THE undersigned having been appointed General Agents in China for the above Company, are prepared to accept risks and issue policies of Insurance at the current rates of Premium.

CARLOWITZ & Co.,
General Agents in China,
6m 2193 Hongkong, 15th December, 1871.

NOTICE.

IMPERIAL FIRE OFFICE.

FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—
Not exceeding Ten days ⅛ of the annual rate
Not exceeding 1 month ¼ of the annual rate
Above 1 month, and not exceeding..... } 3 ,, ½ do. do.
Above 3 months and not exceeding..... } 6 ,, ¾ do. do.
Above 6 months the full annual rate.

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents, Imperial Fire Insurance Company.
tf 675 Hongkong, 13th August, 1869.

YANG-TSZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF SHANGHAI.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS 750,000 TAELS.

POLICIES granted on *Marine Risks* to all parts of the World, at current rates.
In addition to the usual Brokerage, this Association now returns to all policy holders *One-third of its yearly profits* on Insurance business, divided *pro rata* to the net premium contributed.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.
tf 1089 Hongkong, 26th December, 1870.

THE LIVERPOOL AND BOMBAY TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company at this port, are prepared to grant Policies against Marine Risks at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
tf 777 Hongkong, 25th April 1870.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE THE FIRST, A.D. 1720.

THE undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation, are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

MARINE DEPARTMENT.
Policies at current rates, payable either here, in London, or at the principal Ports of India, China, and Australia.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.
Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates.

LIFE DEPARTMENT.
Policies issued for sums not exceeding £5,000 on reasonable terms.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
tf 1927 Hongkong, 1st November, 1870.

THE ROYAL EXCHANGE ASSURANCE OF LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents of the above Corporation, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire at current rates.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents, 4, Praya.
tf 1569 Hongkong, 26th August, 1870.

COMPAGNIE LYONNAISE D'ASSURANCES MARITIMES.

Société anonyme libre au Capital de 6,000,000 de francs (un-quart versé.)

THIS Company, being associated for purposes of Marine Insurance in the Far East, with the
LLOYD FRANÇAIS, Capital of 6,000,000 fres., And with the CIE FRANCAISE D'ASSURANCES MARITIMES, Capital of......................5,000,000 fres.,
Offers to the ASSURED the Security of a collective Capital of......................17,000,000 fres.
Agencies established, and Policies made payable in Lyons, Paris, London, Marseilles, Calcutta, Bombay, Yokohama, Hongkong and Shanghai.
The undersigned having been appointed Agents in China for the above-named Company, are prepared to accept Marine risks, foreign or coastwise, at current rates.

RUSSELL & Co.
tf 1377 Hongkong, 23rd July, 1870.

OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LONDON.

INCORPORATED 1859.

CAPITAL, £1,000,000.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to accept Marine Risks and issue Policies at current rates.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & Co.
tf 1351 Hongkong, 7th June, 1867.

THE GUARDIAN FIRE AND LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.
No. 11, LOMBARD STREET, LONDON, E.C.
ESTABLISHED 1821,
And empowered by special Acts of Parliament.

Subscribed Capital..............£2,000,000, *Sterling.*
Total invested Funds upwards of 2,750,000 ,,
Annual Income ,, ,, 320,000 ,,

THE Undersigned having been duly appointed Agents for the above Company, are prepared to take risks against Fire, on the usual terms.

OLYPHANT & Co.
tf 2317 Hongkong, 7th December, 1869.

UNIVERSAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, (OF LONDON).

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Company at this Port, Shanghai, Foochow, Hankow, and Yokohama, are prepared to accept Marine Risks at Current Rates.

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents.
tf 437 Hongkong, 9th March, 1871.

BATAVIA SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents in Hongkong for the above-named Company, are prepared to grant Policies gainst Sea Risks at current rates.

RUSSELL & Co.
tf 1022 Hongkong, 1st April, 1865.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM and after this date the following rates will be charged on SHORT PERIOD Insurances, viz:—
Not exceeding 1 month ¼ of the annual rate
Above 1 month, and not exceeding..... } 3 ,, ½ do. do.
Above 3 months and not exceeding..... } 6 ,, ¾ do. do.
Above 6 months the full annual rate.

GILMAN & Co., *Agents,*
North British & Mercantile Insurance Company.
tf 696 Hongkong, 7th April 1868.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.
REDUCTION IN THE RATES OF PREMIUM.
Detached & semi-detached Dwelling Houses, removed from town, and their contents. } ½ per cent. per annum
Otherdwelling Houses used strictly as such, and their contents. } ¾
Godowns, Offices, Shops, &c., and their contents. } 1 ,,

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents, North British and Mercantile Insurance Company.
tf 886 Hongkong, 10th March, 1865.

MERCHANT'S MUTUAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

ENGAGED EXCLUSIVELY IN MARINE INSURANCE,
Paid up Capital—$500,000.00,

THE Undersigned having been duly appointed Agents of the above Company, are prepared to accept Marine Risks on the usual terms.

OLYPHANT & Co.
tf 1292 Hongkong, 2nd July, 1869.

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In port on 18th January, 1872.

The names of the numerous steamers, tugs, small craft and receiving hulks employed on the Yang-tsze are not included in this table.

Vessel	Captain	Flag & Rig	Tons	Consignees	Destination
Adelia,	McCaslin	Amr. bk	334	Master	Chinkiang
Charley,	Salavo	Brit. bk	350	Frazar & Co	Whampoa
C. Christine,	Fisher	N. G. bk	280	Bourjau, Hubener & Co	Chinkiang
Clara,	Holyman	Brit. sch	102	Master	
Clara Babuyan,	Holmes	Brit. bk	357	Frazar & Co	
Deogaum,	Gilchrist	Brit. bk	447	W. Too Hoo & Co	Chinkiang
Englet,	Nicol	Brit. bk	391	Morris, Lewis & Co	
Ethiopian,	Faulkner	Brit. sh	838	Adamson, Bell & Co	
Gipsey,	Burdis	Brit. bk	250	Order	
Hilda,	Graham	Brit. bk	306	Fils Moller	Hiogo
Island City,	Brown	Brit. bk	420	Frazar & Co	Whampoa
J. Shepherd,	McMadden	Brit. sh	654	Shaw, Brothers & Co	
Janet Stewart,	Ellis	Brit. bk	202	Frazar & Co	
Juno,	Bletben	Amr. bk	200	Order	
Laurel,	Davis	Brit. bk	633	Gilman & Co	
Malleville,	Walt	Amr. bk	624	Russell & Co	
Maria,	Dius	Rus. sh	637	Frazar & Co	Swatow
Mindin,	Joubert	Fren. bk	455	J. S. Baron	
Mistletoe,	Sclavo	Brit. bk	368	Frazar & Co	
Mozart,		Nor. bk	320	Ed. Schellhass & Co	
Schultze Delitsch,	Prehn	N. G. sch	174	Wm. Pustau & Co	
Serpent,	McDonald	Brit. bk	256	Master	
Spray,	Buckminster	Amr. sch	258	Frazar & Co	
Takasima,	Lucas	N. G. bk	564	Maclean, Thorburn & Co	

CHEFOO.

In port on 5th January, 1872.

Vessel	Captain	Flag & Rig	Tons	Consignees	Destination
Albatros,	Vanelius	Nor. bk	223	Order	
Aurora Australis,	Duff	Brit. bk	509	Wilson, Cornabe & Co	
B. Seawright,	Cheetham	Brit. bg	295	Order	
Emile Ernestine,	Lancelot	Fren. bk	226	Order	
F. la Roquette,	Monnier	Fren. bk	368	Order	
Forest Belle,	Popp	Amr. bk	380	Wilson, Cornabe & Co	
Jan Pieter,	Molsen	N. G. bk	335	Order	
Pallas,	Ladera	N. G. bk	256	Order	

YOKOHAMA.

In port on 28th December, 1871.

Vessel	Captain	Flag & Rig	Tons	Consignees	Destination
Aarhuus,	Heuckendorff	Dan. sch	250	Chinese	
Ada,	Jones	Brit. sh	586	Order	
Annie Scott,	C[illegible]ton	Brit. bg	241	Captain	
Coulnakyle,	Tapp	Brit. sh	579	Hudson, Malcolm & Co	
John Milton,	Rienard	Brit. sh	618	Aspinall, Cornes & Co	
Khanbai,	Will	Brit. sch	187	Order	
Naworth Castle,	Linklater	Brit. bk	349	Aspinall, Cornes & Co	
Sidonia,	Beurage	Fren. bk	417	Order	
Witch,	Young	Brit. bk	289	Order	

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